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PORT-AU-PRINCE FOR PAO; DEPT FOR USIA/IOS AND A/SY/FO FROM
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E.O. 11652: N/A
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SUBJ: SECURITY FUNDING OF BNC/WIRING/LIGHTING

REF: PORT AU PRINCE 1158

1. RSO CONDUCTED A SECURITY SURVEY OF THE BNC/PORT AU PRINCE, HAITI. THE COMPLETED SURVEY WILL BE FORWARDED TO USIA/IOS VIA PAO/PORT AU PRINCE WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS. HOWEVER, IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL, THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE REPORT ARE PROVIDED:

A. THE BNC IS AN OLD BUILDING (BUILT IN 1918) CONSISTING OF A BRICK EXTERIOR AND WOOD INTERIOR.

B. THE BUILDING HAS AN EXTENSIVE AMOUNT OF EXPOSED ELECTRICAL WIRING IN NEED OF REPLACEMENT DUE TO AGE. (NOTE: HAITI IS NOW IN THE THROES OF REGULAR BLACKOUTS. WHEN THE POWER IS AGAIN TURNED ON, THE SURGE IS SUFFICIENT TO CAUSE THE WIRING TO SHORT AND POSSIBLY TO START A FIRE.)

C. THERE ARE NO FIRE EXTINGUISHERS WITHIN THE BUILDING.

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BNC NEEDS AT LEAST 8 SODA WATER AND 3 CO'S.

D. THERE IS NO FIRE ALARM SYSTEM OR FIRE DETECTION DEVICES LOCATED WITHIN THE BUILDING. A FIRE ALARM SYSTEM COUPLED WITH A FIRE DETECTION SYSTEM SHOULD BE INSTALLED, AS THE BUILDING IS OLD AND COMPOSED MAINLY OF COMBUSTIBLE MATERIAL (WOOD).

E. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY FOUR BLOCKS FROM THE BNC. THE FIRE FIGHTING CAPABILITIES OF THE HAITIANS ARE QUESTIONABLE.

F. THE THREE-STORY BUILDING HAS ROPES LOCATED ON THE 2ND AND 3RD FLOORS FOR ESCAPE IN CASE OF FIRE. RECOMMEND FLEXIBLE FIRE LADDERS BE PURCHASED AND LOCATED ON THE VARIOUS FLOORS AS AN ESCAPE IN CASE OF FIRE. (NOTE: THERE IS NO FIRE ESCAPE ON THE BUILDING AND NO FIRE HOSES, ETC.)

G. THE MAIN MASTER LIGHT SWITCH BOXES ARE LOCATED IN THE THEATER. THESE ARE COMPLETELY EXPOSED AND SHOULD BE COVERED BY A BOX WITH APPROPRIATE LOCK TO DENY UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS.

H. THERE IS NO EMERGENCY LIGHTING SYSTEM FOR THE BUILDING. RECOMMEND THE PURCHASE OF SUCH A SYSTEM. (NOTE FO PORT-AU-PRINCE; EMERGENCY LIGHTING SYSTEM CAN BE FOUND IN MCMASTER'S CARR SUPPLY CATALOG, WHICH GSO HAS.)

I. THE REMAINING RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE CONTAINED IN THE COMPLETED SURVEY REPORT, AS THEIR IMPLEMENTATIONS ARE NOT AS URGENT. THE RSO REQUESTS PAO/IOS TO GO FORWARD AND RECTIFY THE WIRING SYSTEM SINCE BNC HAS OPPORTUNITY AT HAND TO CORRECT SITUATION.
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